

U.S. STRATEGY FOR ISIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; and Robert S. Ford, Middle East Institute, and Ben Connable, RAND Corporation, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

KEEP THE PROMISE ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming ac-

tivities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Mayor Jerry Weiers, and Gary Sherwood, Councilman, both of Glendale, Arizona; Allison C. Binney, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, Washington, DC; Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; and Ned Norris, Jr., The Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona, Sells.

NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, including S. 2476, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic, after receiving testimony from Bradford Burnham, Union Square Ventures, LLC, New York, New York; Robert M. McDowell, Wiley Rein, LLP, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, American Enterprise Institute, and Nuala O'Connor, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, DC; and Ruth Livier, Pacific Palisades, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Warren, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5500–5524; 5 resolutions, H. Res. 729–733 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Joseph Holcomb, St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Church, Flushing, New York.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7626, H7662**

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—Appointment: The Chair clarified that pursuant to section 106(b)(5)(B) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, the Speaker's appointments of May 25, 2010, and December 22, 2010, of individuals on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity expired on May 25, 2014. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Arthur E. Keiser of Fort Lauderdale, FL; William Pepicello of Scottsdale, AZ; and Arthur J. Rothkopf of Washington, DC.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Strongly supporting the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries: H. Res. 726, to strongly support the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 16th:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 24, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 333 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 504 and

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Amending title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers: H.R. 5462, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 505.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on September 15th:

Amending the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission: S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 506.

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Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 124, to make continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, by a recorded vote of 319 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 509. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, September 16th.

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Rejected the Bustos motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 508.

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Agreed to:

McKeon amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–600) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to train and equip appropriately vetted elements of the Syrian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian groups or individuals. Additionally, the amendment strengthens Congressional oversight by requiring detailed reports, including progress reports, on the plan, vetting process, and procedures for monitoring unauthorized end-use of provided training and equipment. It also requires the President to report on how this authority fits within a larger regional strategy. The amendment allows the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a reprogramming request to Congress should the President request DOD funds to execute this authority and permits the Secretary of Defense to accept foreign contributions. Lastly, the amendment states that nothing in this section be construed to constitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 273 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 507). Consideration of the amendment began yesterday, September 16th.

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H. Res. 722, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to yesterday, September 16th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 18th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–155).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7624.

Senate Referrals: S. 1214 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 2539, S. 2117, S. 2511, and S. 2440 were held at the desk.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Polis presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 678, a resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (S. 815) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7635, H7635–36, H7636–37, H7660, H7661–62, H7662. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 4022 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the implementation of Section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014: pilot projects to reduce dependency and increase work requirements and work effort under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4959, the “EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 5422, the “Litigation Oversight Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5423, the “Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “A hearing on H.R. 4526, the 21st Century Energy Work-

force Development Jobs Initiative Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from LaDoris “Dot” Harris, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FCC BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of FCC Budget and Management”. Testimony was heard from Jon Wilkins, Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission; and David Hunt, Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

CROSS BORDER DATA FLOWS: COULD FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM HURT U.S. JOBS?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Cross Border Data Flows: Could Foreign Protectionism Hurt U.S. Jobs?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Pinschmidt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability Oversight Council; and A. Nicole Clowers, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

GLOBAL EFFORTS TO FIGHT EBOLA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Global Efforts to Fight Ebola”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Luciana Borio, Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Office of the Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration; and Beth P. Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.